

SECTOR PROFILE

Healthcare and Social Assistance

Top 3 Soft Skills

Communication skills: Communication skills (also referred to as interpersonal communication skills) typically include: the ability to share ideas clearly and effectively, good listening abilities, and nonverbal communication skills such as eye contact and body language.

Ability to Work Independently: An individual who can work well independently is able to follow through and complete a task without constant supervision. These employees can take initiative and work without constant direction from supervisors. This is valued in the workplace because supervisors and coworkers need to know that someone is capable of completing the task without seeking direction or guidance at every step. This is important because supervisors need to be able to delegate work to their employees with the knowledge that it will be completed.

Integrity: Integrity means strong adherence to clear moral principles. In the workplace, an individual with integrity would be considered trustworthy, respected, and honest by his or her coworkers and supervisors.

Top 3 Jobs in Sector

Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses (3012): This unit group includes registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and graduates of a nursing program who are awaiting registration (graduate nurses). They provide direct nursing care to patients, deliver health education programs and provide consultative services regarding issues relevant to the practice of nursing. They are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centres, doctors' offices, clinics, community agencies, companies, private homes and public and private organizations or they may be self-employed. 80% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

Social and community service workers (4212): Social and community service workers administer and implement a variety of social assistance programs and community services, and assist clients to deal with personal and social problems. They are employed by social service and government agencies, mental health agencies, group homes, shelters, substance abuse centres, school boards, correctional facilities and other establishments. 80% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates (3413): Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates assist nurses, hospital staff and physicians in the basic care of patients. They are employed in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted care facilities for the elderly and other health care establishments. 50% of in-demand foundational skills are characterized as soft skills.

